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Elected Official Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns regarding city business, feel free to contact city staff or one of your Elected Officials listed below.

Common Council

Mayor Anissa Welch

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Email: awelch@milton-wi.gov

Committees: Community Development Authority, Joint Review Board, Plan

Commission, and Public Works Committee

Alderperson Lynda Clark Phone: (608) 290-5674

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Committees: Joint Fire Commission and

Library Board

Alderperson Devin Elliott

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Committees: Parks & Recreation

Commission, Ethics Board, and Historic

Preservation Commission

Alderperson Ryan Holbrook

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Committees: Community Development Authority, Historic Preservation Commission, and Policy & Procedures Ad Hoc Committee Alderperson Larry Laehn Phone: (920) 540-9927 Email: llaehn@milton-wi.gov

Committees: Joint Fire Commission

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Alderperson Theresa Rusch

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Committees: Joint Fire Commission

Alderperson Bill Wilson

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Committees: Public Works Committee and

Joint Fire Commission

Municipal Court

Municipal Court Judge Kris Koeffler is also available to answer questions regarding the municipal court by calling (608) 868-6910 or emailing kkoeffler@milton-wi.gov.



Rock County Council on Aging Survey

If you are 60 or older, take a few minutes to complete a survey to assist in the development of the County Aging Services Plan for 2022 to 2024.

A paper version is available by calling (608) 757-5416 or there is an online version available (http://milton-wi.gov/AgingServicesSurvey).

Nominations Open for Community Awards

The City is seeking nominations for Community Awards to recognize any community member, city employee, non-profit organization, or business that has shown exemplary dedication to the community by way of time, resources, or extraordinary commitment to the betterment of Milton. Please submit nominations by June 1 through the City's website (www.milton-wi.gov/AwardNomination).

The awards will be presented at the annual **Community Recognition Picnic on July 1** at the Milton Community House, 20 Parkview Drive.

Details of the event are still being developed, and more information will be provided on the City's website and other communication platforms soon.

The picnic will start at 5:30 p.m. and the

program will begin at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to City Hall by June 25 by calling (608) 868-6900 ext. 5 or online at www.milton-wi.gov/PicnicRSVP.



Important Dates to Remember:

City Office Closures:

- May 31
- July 5
- September 6
- November 25 & 26
- December 23 & 24
- December 30 (City Hall and Police Administrative Offices only)
- December 31

Other Dates:

- June 1 Deadline to submit an order form at City Hall for a brick at the Milton Area Veterans Memorial
- Milton Farmers Market June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2
- Community Recognition Picnic July 1
- Milton Public Library Food Truck Rally – August 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

<u>Lead Service Line</u> (LSL) Program:

The City was awarded \$550,000 from the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) for eligible water utility customers to replace their private service line.

Please take a moment to complete the Lead Service Line (LSL) Customer Interest form available on the City's website or at City Hall. More information about the program is available at www.milton-wi.gov/LSL or call (608) 868-6901.





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Fire/EMS Operations for 2022 and Beyond

Many community members have likely been following along in the local newspapers the discussions taking place about the future of the Milton-Milton Township Fire Department and fire/EMS service provision starting in 2022.

At this time, the City of Milton is working with the Wisconsin Policy Forum to evaluate a few potential service provision models to determine the next steps forward in the process.

All of the information related to the discussions the City of Milton is having about fire/EMS services can be found on the City's website (https://www.milton-wi.gov/539/Organization-Funding-Discussions). The webpage includes a brief narrative outlining the discussions and timeline over the course of the previous year, links to presentations and videos of meetings, and links

to news articles about the discussions from the Milton Courier and Janesville Gazette.

Mayor Anissa Welch and City Administrator Al Hulick are both available to answer any questions community members have about these discussions. The City's goal is to be as transparent as possible as elected officials and staff move through the process of selecting the best service provision option for the City of Milton community members.

Contact Information for Questions:

- Mayor Anissa Welch (608) 751-7198 or awelch@milton-wi.gov
- City Administrator Al Hulick (608) 868-6900 ext. 6 or ahulick@milton-wi.gov

Milton Public Library Program Updates

Summer Learning Program Kickoff Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come to the library and start your walking safari. We'll give you some clues to search the neighborhood for wild animals! Learn some interesting animal facts along the way. When you finish back at the library, receive a swag bag filled with tiny treats and materials (with instructions) to make your own wild animal backpack bling. Don't forget to pick up your summer reading log bookmark!

Valley of the Kings Sanctuary Blanket Drive & Fundraisers

June 9 - August 6

Help support Valley of the Kings by bringing your donations of gently used blankets or comforters to the library. We'll make sure they get to the animals who need them! You can also donate other non-perishable supplies from the VOTK wish list on their website.

Give a Stray a Story Submissions due by Friday, June 25

In collaboration with the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, we're encouraging teens ages 13 to 18 to Give a Stray a Story! Over a thousand dogs and cats get their fur-ever homes thanks to the Humane Society. Although their futures look bright, sometimes their pasts are unknown. But every animal deserves a good story, and we're encouraging you to create one! To learn how to submit your story, visit the library's website or pick up an entry form at the library. Stories are due by 6 p.m. on Friday, June 25. All submissions will be reviewed by Humane Society and Library staff and the winner will be announced June 30. Winner receives a prize basket and the chance to name a future adoptable animal, and two runner ups will also get the chance to name a future adoptable animal.

To see all of the Milton Public Library's summer programs, please visit their website at www.miltonpubliclibrary.org.

Milton Youth Coalition Survey

All youth in grades 7-12 and adults who live, work, learn, play, or read in Milton are encouraged to complete an online survey as it will be very beneficial to the Milton Youth Coalition's work to

help plan future activities. The survey is available online: http://milton-wi.gov/mycsurvey.

All responses are anonymous.

City Meeting Schedule:

All meetings continue to be virtual. Instructions on how to monitor the meetings are included on each agenda.

- May 18, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- May 18, 6 p.m. Common Council
- May 19, 6 p.m. Joint Fire Commission
- June 1, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- June 1, 6 p.m. Common Council
- June 2, 5:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- June 7, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- June 8, 6 p.m. Board of Review
- June 15, 6 p.m. Common Council
- June 16, 6 p.m. Joint Fire Commission
- June 21, 5:15 p.m. Story Gardens Subcommittee
- June 21, 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission
- July 1, 5:30 p.m. Community Recognition Picnic
- July 5, 6:30 p.m. Library Board
- July 6, 4 p.m. Plan Commission
- July 6, 6 p.m. Common Council
- July 7, 5:30 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission
- July 19, 5:30 p.m. Story Gardens Subcommittee
- July 19, 6 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission

Dates and times for meetings may change. All agendas and minutes are posted on the City's website.



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Ordinance Reminders: Recreational Fires and Fireworks

Fires:



Generally, the only fires permitted by ordinance are grills and outdoor campfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation. These approved fires must be confined by a control device or structure such as a barrel, fire ring, or fire pit. The material allowed in such campfires can include leaves, brush, clean wood, and other vegetative debris.

Uncontained bonfires are allowed only if approved by and in accordance with provisions established by the Fire Chief. Other types of open burning for weed control, habitat management, or purposes other than recreation should generally be reviewed and approved by the Fire Chief.

There are prohibitions on burning other types of material within the ordinance. For example, the burning of rubbish, garbage, furniture, construction debris, treated wood, plastics, rubber, recyclables, and waste oil are all prohibited.

More details can be found in the Milton Code of Ordinances, Section 50-33 Outdoor and Refuse Burning.

Fireworks:

The laws of the State of Wisconsin and our city ordinances are very restrictive when it comes to fireworks. The only types of fireworks permitted by ordinance include toy pistol paper caps, sparklers, and toy snakes.

The use of any other type of fireworks are only authorized by a permit granted by the mayor and approved by the Fire Chief. Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 is very clear that possessing or using any other fireworks, including, for example, firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars without a valid permit is illegal. A commonly used rule of thumb is that a permit is required if the device explodes or leaves the ground.

Unfortunately, firework retailers will frequently still sell these items to Wisconsin residents, even though they are illegal to possess and use without a permit throughout Wisconsin. Being able to purchase prohibited items at a fireworks retailer does not mean they are legal to possess and use without a permit.

Finally, the police department frequently responds to noise complaints, property damage, and other issues related to the use of illegal fireworks within the city. Being considerate of others when living in a city where neighbors are close by is not only polite, it eliminates the need for the police department to take enforcement action.

Additional details can be found in the Milton Code of Ordinances, Section 50-34: Sale and Discharge of Fireworks, and Wisconsin State Statute 167.10 Regulation of Fireworks.

All current Milton ordinances can be found online at www.milton-wi.gov/Ordinances.

All current Wisconsin State Statues can be found online at

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/.

4th of July at Schilberg Park

The traditional 4th of July celebration is planned to return in 2021 with a 3-day festival, July 2-4. Derek Henze, the 4th of July Parade Coordinator, is taking on the role of organizing the Schilberg Park festivities.

Fireworks, entertainment, and a carnival are all being planned for the celebration in addition to the parade. New in 2021 – a dozen of the most popular food trucks around will assemble at the park.

Derek is looking for individual volunteers or other nonprofit organizations willing to help with the events. Nonprofits who contribute volunteers will receive a stipend donated to their organization for each hour of volunteer work donated.

Contact Derek at (262) 473-9585 or by email at derek.henze@edwardjones.com to sign up or ask any questions.

Assessment Notices:

Assessor Paul Musser will send property assessment notices during the week of June 22. Assessment notices will be sent only to property owners that have assessment changes in 2021.

Open Book will begin on June 23 and conclude on August 2. The assessment roll will be available for examination at City Hall Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon. Property owners may discuss their assessment with Assessor Musser over the phone or schedule an appointment to meet in-person (even if it didn't change from 2020) at any time during the Open Book period.

The best contact method for Assessor Musser is by email musser.appraisal@gmail.com, but he can also be reached at (608) 712-0236.

Board of Review is scheduled for August 26 at 5 p.m.

Save the Date: MPL Food Truck Rally

The Milton Public Library held a successful Food Truck Rally on May 2. The food trucks were spread out within a half mile of each other at the library and the Goodrich Square Business District.

The Library's next Food Truck Rally is scheduled for August 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Watch their website and social media for details.



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Summer Reminders

Pools – Pools that hold more than 30 inches of water depth need a permit and must have a 5 foot high fence with a locking gate. Get your permit at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive.



Yard Waste – Yard waste bins are open at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive, for leaves, grass clippings, weeds, small twigs, etc. Please do not dispose of branches larger than the diameter of your finger in the yard waste bins. Garbage should not be placed in the yard waste bins.

Grass Clippings in the Street – Grass clippings are not allowed in the street per city ordinance. Please sweep or blow clippings into your lawn or collect and drop off at the yard waste bins at the Public Works Facility, 150 Northside Drive. This helps to keep the City's storm drains and ditches free of debris preventing flooding and ditch maintenance. In addition, grass clippings left in the street present a safety hazard for motorcyclists. The grass clippings can cause a motorcycle to lose traction on the road and result in the operator losing control of the motorcycle.

Curbside Brush Pickup – Brush collection occurs periodically throughout the year. The next

collection is June 5-13 followed by July 5-11. Refer to the brush collection schedule on the City's website for additional dates (www.milton-wi.gov/BrushCollection).

Splash Pad – The Goodrich Square Splash Pad is planned to open May 27. The splash pad will be available to use from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Clean Sweep – Call Rock County at (608) 754-6617 ext. 3 for information on disposal of hazardous chemicals.

Park Rentals – The City of Milton rents the Community House in North Goodrich Park and the pavilions at South Goodrich Park, Central Park, Lamar Park, and Veterans Park for community members to use for events. Additional information on renting these facilities can be found on the City's website (www.milton-wi.gov/ParkRentals) or by contacting City Hall at (608) 868-6900.

Athletic Field Reservations – All ball diamond use by teams must be reserved by calling MRec at the Milton School District at (608) 868-9393. Field rentals for soccer, football, or other sports will be managed through City Hall.

Diggers Hotline –Diggers Hotline is a free service that you use before you do any kind of digging to make sure you don't damage underground lines. Call them at least three working days before you start digging, and they will help you avoid costly or dangerous buried lines by alerting the owners of lines in the digging area. Diggers Hotline is not responsible for the actual marking of the lines.

Outside Water Meters:

Outside water meters are available at City Hall for utility customers to use for outdoor watering of plants, grass, filling pools, and other uses.

The cost is \$96, which includes \$84 for the security deposit and the first month fee of \$12. If you are planning to use 2,000 gallons or more of water outdoors, then this is an option that will save you money on your utility bill. Once the meter is returned and read, the customer will receive a credit on the sewer charge of their utility bill.

Each month the meter is kept, there is a \$12 fee, which will be deducted from the security deposit. As long as the meter is returned without damage, the remaining balance of the security deposit will be credited to the utility account or returned as a check in the mail to the customer.

If there are any questions, please contact Utility Billing Clerk Carrie Chesebro at (608) 868-6901 or by email at cchesebro@milton-wi.gov.

4th of July Parade Information

The 4th of July Parade is held every year on July 4. The parade starts on Madison Avenue at the intersection with Crescent Drive and proceeds east down Madison Avenue to Hilltop Drive where the parade route then heads south to Municipal Drive.

The parade is coordinated by Derek Henze.

The parade entrant form is available as an electronic form on the City's website

(www.milton-wi.gov/ParadeRegistration), and it's also available as a pdf.

All forms must be submitted by Noon on Friday, June 18, through the electronic form on the website or to Derek Henze at Edward Jones, 691 S. Janesville Street, Milton, WI 53563 (Next to Piggly Wiggly/Anytime Fitness) or submitted by email to derek.henze@edwardjones.com.

City of Milton Department Phone Numbers:

City Hall - 868-6900 Court - 868-6910 Fire Dept.: 868-2842 Library - 868-7462 Police Dept. -868-6910 Public Works -868-6914